

**Opening Statement of the Honorable Fred Upton**  
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Today we are examining the Medicare Part D Medication Therapy Management program (MTM). This program has been in existence since the Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit began in 2006 after the enactment of the Medicare Modernization Act of 2003. The goal of MTM is simple - to ensure that Part D drugs are appropriately used by beneficiaries. Through more optimal utilization of prescription drugs in Part D, patients' health will be improved and medical costs can be lowered. This is important for seniors in Michigan and all across the country.

But over the past nearly ten years, the program has been somewhat of a missed opportunity to cut costs for seniors and the Medicare program. Under the current construct of the program, it has been difficult to engage seniors and coordinate care due to burdensome statutory and regulatory requirements. Today, only 8%, a rate lower than one out of every ten seniors enrolled in Part D even participate in MTM.

Last month, CMS announced a new innovation model titled, “The Part D Enhanced Medication Therapy Management Model.” I am eager to hear from them today on the improvements this model will bring to MTM in the Part D space. We appreciate our witnesses for taking the time to talk with us about ways to advance this program so we can improve beneficiary care. I also want to thank Conference Chair McMorris Rodgers for her leadership on this issue.

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